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In re application of Egidio RENNA

Serial No. 10/009,976 (PCT/EP00/05467)

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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the accompanying Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 mailed February 12, 2002, we enclose herewith the executed declaration which was omitted at the time of filing the application.

 $\label{eq:theorem} \mbox{The required 37 CFR 1.492(e) surcharge was paid at the time of filing the application.}$ 

 $\label{eq:Attached hereto} \textbf{Attached hereto is a Second Preliminary Amendment which cancels claims $25-28$.}$ 

Respectfully submitted,

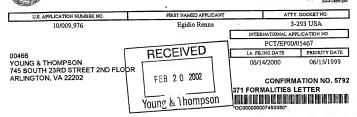
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# NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- · Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- . Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Preliminary Amendments
- · Request for Immediate Examination

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The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

 Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

## A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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